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From Chicago 3/31/34 5:45 P.M.

DIRECTOR

BREKID AND KANMO CASES TAP ON PHONE OF GILBERT NELSON 2344 THORNDALE AVENUE PHONE NUMBER RAVENSWOOD 4931 HAS BEEN MAINTAINED FOR 1 WEEK

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DIRECTOR

REFERENCE MY CONVERSATION WITH YOU THIS MORNING INSPECTOR BORER  
DESIRES AGENTS CROSS MELVIN PETERSON AND RYAN TO PROCEED ST PAUL  
TONIGHT UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED THEY WILL ARRIVE THERE TOMORROW  
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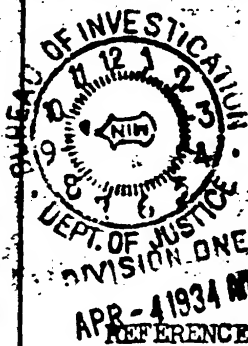
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL**

FILE NO. **7-57**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>KANSAS CITY, MO.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-2-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-25-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H. E. ANDERSEN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

L. L. McKinney, former guard at State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, and State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, died at Omaha, Nebraska, last summer, according to Clerk, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.



**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, 2-21-34.

**DETAILS:**

R. D. Payne, Clerk and Secretary to the Warden, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, when interviewed, advised that the only guard at the institution who had ever worked as a guard in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, was L. L. McKinney. This individual, according to Payne, was a guard in the institution for a period of five or six years, but left about four years ago. According to Payne, McKinney died at Omaha, Nebraska, last summer. Payne asserted that he is certain that McKinney is dead.

In connection with the foregoing reference is made to the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, and to letter from the Kansas City office to the Special Agent in Charge at Chicago, Illinois, under date of 3-25-34, wherein it will be noted that the photograph of Charles Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #6521, has been identified by Edward Doll, inmate of the U. S.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1556	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>APR 4 1934</b>
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Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, as being identical with "Old Charlie" alias "Big Fitz". In view of the foregoing it is not deemed expedient to make inquiries at Omaha, Nebraska, to verify the reported death of McKinney, the former guard at Lansing.

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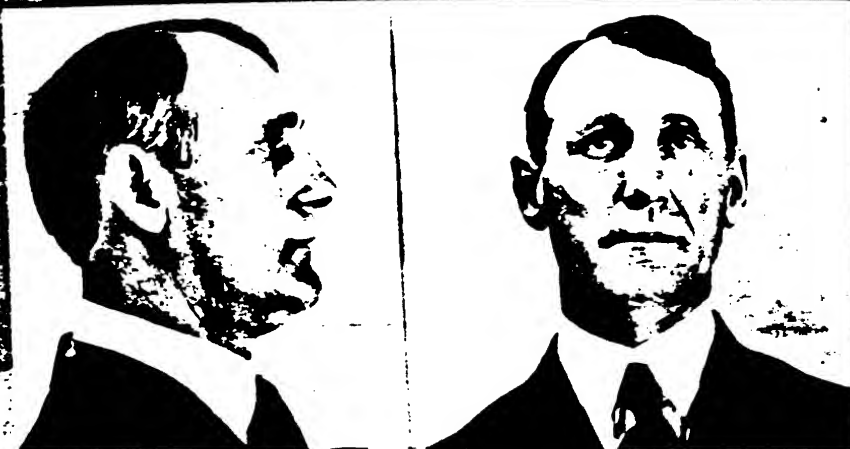


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April 8, 1934.

Mr. E. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

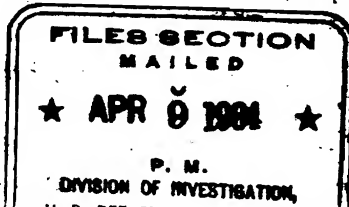
RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALSTAS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE. Identification Order #1202.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 21, 1934, in the above entitled case, addressed to the Kansas City Office, wherein you state that Charles Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, at the present time is an inmate of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas; that Fitzgerald has been identified by Arthur Johnson as a party known to him as "Charlie", and that he can be interviewed there for whatever information he might desire to offer regarding the above entitled case.

In this connection, reference is made to your letter dated February 22, 1934, addressed to the Division wherein you state Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, St. Paul file 26-2328, was sentenced on December 11, 1933 to one year and one day in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and further that this information was being furnished the Division in order that no efforts would be made to carry the fingerprints of Fitzgerald in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes in this case.

A review of the file entitled John Hammond, with aliases, including the alias Charles J. Fitzgerald, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, was made at the Division and under date of March 9, 1934, a letter was addressed to you requesting that it be definitely ascertained whether Fitzgerald was or was not in custody between the dates December 11, 1933 and February 18, 1934. A copy of this letter was furnished the Kansas City Office of the Division, which office was instructed to interview Fitzgerald with reference to the above entitled case.



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Mr. W. A. Rorer.

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Under date of March 9, 1934, the Kansas City Office addressed a letter to the Division, furnishing a copy to the St. Paul Office, wherein it is reflected that on interview with John Hammond alias Charles J. Fitzgerald disclosed that this individual is not identical with the Charles J. Fitzgerald alias "Big Fitz", Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, whose photograph has been identified by Arthur Johnson, who is serving a life sentence in the Colorado State Penitentiary and who also has been identified by Eddie Bell, now serving a sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, as set out in the letter of the Kansas City Office, dated March 23, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Office, a copy of which letter was also furnished to the St. Paul Office.

The purpose of this letter is to again advise that there are two individuals named Charles J. Fitzgerald with similar aliases, and the Division is retaining in its single fingerprint file the fingerprints of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, Division #95780, inasmuch as the Charles J. Fitzgerald in whom the Division is interested is not in custody at the present time and, therefore, should be considered in connection with the above entitled case, as well as the Bremer kidnaping case.

Photographs of Charles Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, and copies of the abstract of criminal record, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division, are being transmitted herewith and with copies of this letter to the Kansas City and Chicago Offices of the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 681891

cc Kansas City  
Chicago



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minn.**

FILE NO. **7-23**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/1/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/20/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. Price, GIP</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** American Railway Express Bill of lading forwarded to points of distribution. St. Paul point of distribution in Minnesota.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent A. E. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated March 22, 1934.

**DETAILS:** AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Mr. W. J. Reilly, Chief Clerk, Auditing Department, American Railway Express, 635 Folsom St., advised that records of shipments of express are only kept in the Auditing Department 20 days, and then forwarded to points of distribution; that Way Bills for shipments from Reno to points in Minnesota during December 1933 would now be in the St. Paul office of the American Railway Express, which is the distribution point for Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Wisconsin, Chicago being the distribution point for Illinois.

Mr. Reilly further advised that the Company uses three forms of Way Bills; two of these have an original and two copies, the original accompanying the shipment while one copy stays at the point of origin and the other is forwarded to the Auditing Department and then to the point of distribution. The third form consists of an original and one copy, the original accompanying the shipment and the copy being forwarded to the Auditing Department, which is then forwarded to the point of distribution.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1557	RECORDED AND INDEXED APR 4 1934
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE ST. PAUL OFFICE, at St. Paul, will obtain, if possible, all information from the American Railway Express concerning a shipment of express as set out on page 7 of the report of Reference, from Reno on or about Dec. 5, 1933.

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

March 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
903-a U.S. Court House & Post Office,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1,  
JAMES EARL RAY, et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING. Chicago File #7-42

I am quoting below a portion of the report of Special Agent  
F. E. Billings, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 15, 1934 which refers  
to goggles used by the kidnapers in the above entitled case:

"Mr. John W. Liantand, Chicago Eye Shield Company, 4200  
Warren Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, upon examining the goggles used  
by the kidnapers in this case, advised that they were manufactured  
exclusively by his company under a patent license; that the company's  
trade mark 'Geseo' appeared on the lower inside portion of the left  
cup and the abbreviated words 'PAT. PEND.' appeared on the same  
position of the right cup; that the goggles were known as '534  
H and L goggles, Walders Model'; that they were sold almost exclusively  
to industrial concerns to be used by men engaged in welding, but  
that a few of them were sold to optical companies, hardware stores  
and industrial supply companies, who in turn sold them direct to  
the user. Mr. Liantand further advised that the patented feature  
of these goggles is that they can be worn over regular eye glasses  
and that these patented goggles were first manufactured in 1931  
and put upon the market in that year."

Mr. Liantand further stated that the first goggles man-  
ufactured did not have a reinforced head-band shank such as are on  
instant goggles. The reinforced shank can be identified by the  
small rounded, raised portions on each side of the shank. The  
ones with this feature were not manufactured until August 23, 1931,  
and were not put on the market until after September 1, 1931, and

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on August 19, 1938, a new mould was put in use which printed the U.S. Patent number on the right cup instead of "Pat. Pend." and within two or three months subsequent to that date all goggles sold had the patent number on it, which it will be noted does not appear on the pair involved. Mr. Liantaud stated the identity of the goggles was further limited by the fact that they were the unventilated type and were a welders model as distinguished from a shippers model. The ventilated and shippers models have four large holes in the sides, with a cap containing a screen mesh covering, filling each hole. The holes appearing in the side of each cup of instant goggles were drilled by the user, and, according to Mr. Liantaud, were probably not used in a large industrial plant where attention was given to eye protection inasmuch as open holes would allow the bright rays from the welders torch to pierce the eyes.

In Mr. Liantaud's opinion the lenses appearing in the goggles exhibited to him have been in the cups since the original sale of the cups. He based this conclusion upon the fact that the glass is badly eaten away by acid, indicating long usage, and upon the further fact that the shield rings are frozen to the cups making it impossible to remove them, which condition would exist only after long usage without removal of the rings. Mr. Liantaud stated further that if the goggles had been used in a large industrial plant the lenses would have been replaced from time to time to provide for clear vision. The lenses are inexpensive and it is customary for large companies to replace them as often as once a month. Mr. Liantaud advised that the lenses appearing in instant goggles are also manufactured exclusively by the Chicago Eye Shield Company and are known as "Essentialite" lenses. This particular lens is made in different tints, and with different degrees of shading, but the one appearing in instant goggles is an amber tint and either shade 4, 5 or 6, which are each medium shades.

The "Essentialite" lens is well known in the trade. For the information of Agents assigned to this investigation it is pointed out that the distinguishing feature of the amber shade is the clear yellowish tint while other amber lenses have a reddish tint. It is pointed out that there are two lenses in each cup, the



enter one being known as the protecting lens. The protecting lens of the right cup of instant goggles is completely missing and the inner Essentialite lens is broken, about one-fourth of the glass being gone. The leather nose piece and head band originally on instant goggles were replaced by a rubber nose piece and head band, which is often done by users when the original pieces wear out.

Set forth below are the names and addresses of purchasers of the type of goggles involved in this case, from September 2, 1931 to December 31, 1932, which the States of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan are involved, it being indicated in each instance the quantity purchased, and in each instance where Essentialite lenses were furnished, that fact is indicated together with the shade. The tints of Essentialite lenses were not shown on the sales slips maintained by the Chicago Eye Shield Company, but the greater percentage were amber. Also included in the list are purchasers of these goggles in other states than the ones mentioned above, where goggles contained Essentialite lenses. It is urged that all offices give immediate and special attention to the tracing of goggles sold with this type of lens, and determine if they have reached the possession of any individuals who might be connected with this case. However, attention should be given to tracing of all of these goggles inasmuch as "Essentialite" lenses may have been installed subsequent to the original sale. The tracing of Essentialite lenses at this time is deemed impracticable due to the fact that they have been manufactured since 1916 and are sold at the rate of about 200,000 pairs per year, being used in numerous other types of eye shields.

A letter dated March 27, 1934 has been received by this office from Inspector W. A. Rorer, who is presently at the St. Paul Division Office, in which he states "in view of the current developments in this case it is now felt that possibly the goggles supplied the victim may have been secured at Reno, Nevada or vicinity". Inspector Rorer suggested that a list of dealers be secured who may have sold goggles in the State of Nevada.

The sales records of the Chicago Eye Shield Company have been examined and the names of purchasers in the Western States have been secured and are being set out below. It is suggested that all offices receiving copies of this letter give special attention to the tracing of goggles sold within their territory, endeavoring

to determine whether or not any pair of said goggles could have come into the possession of an individual connected with this case. If it is found that any pair of goggles was sent in to the State of Nevada, it is suggested that the Salt Lake City Office immediately determine the present location of said goggles.

Inspector Rorer states in the above mentioned letter that the goggles used in the instant case are being forwarded by the St. Paul Office to the Salt Lake City Office for their use in tracing goggles sold in Nevada. This office is forwarding under separate cover, a pair of sample goggles to each of the offices receiving copies of this letter for their use in tracing goggles sold within their territory.

The following are the sales of "Gesco" M and L goggles in the Western States:

Purchaser	Address	Quantity	Date	Division Office Covering
Hendrie & Bolthoff Mfg. Supply Co.	-1635 17th St.	1	Sept., 1931	Salt Lake City
L.L. Foss, Inc.	Denver, Colo.	12	Oct., 1931	Salt Lake City
Hines Motor Supply Co.	Billings, Mont.	2	Oct., 1931	Salt Lake City
The Texas Co., Purchasing Dept.	Denver, Colo. Ship to c/o L.F. J. Wilking	1	Nov., 1931	Salt Lake City
Nevada Consol- idated Copper Co.	McCall, Nevada	1	Apr., 1932	Salt Lake City
Nevada Consol- idated Copper Company.	McCall, Nevada	12	May, 1932	Salt Lake City

Purchaser	Address	Quantity	Date	Division Office Covering
Hines Motor Supply Company	Billings, Mont.	3	Sept., 1931	Butte, Montana
Hines Motor Supply Company	Billings, Mont.	3	Nov., 1931	Butte, Montana
Murphy Macley Hardware Co.	Great Falls, Mont.	3	Sept., 1932	Butte, Montana
Hillyard Optical Co.	3001 Market Street Seattle, Wash.	3	Oct., 1931	Portland
Seattle Hardware	Seattle, Wash. Ship to Dauphin School of Engineering - 803 Westlake, North, Seattle, Wash.	3	March, 1932	Portland
Ferrofix Bracing & Machine Works	615 First Ave., South Seattle, Washington	3	March, 1932	Portland
Morse Hardware Co.	Bellingham, Wash.	3	Aug., 1932	Portland
Air Reduction Sales Co.	113 N. 5rd Street, Portland, Oregon	3	Aug., 1932	Portland
Welder Supply Co.	2722 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas	3	Oct., 1931	Dallas
Welder Supply Co.	2722 Commerce St., Dallas	3	June, 1932	Dallas
Hirsch & Hays	2394 East Ave. San Francisco	3	Nov., 1931	San Francisco
		3	Dec., 1931	San Francisco
Sensendorff Helms & Co.	Houston, Texas - Ship to Dixon Machine Co. San Diego, Texas	3	Feb., 1932	San Antonio
Halliburton Oil Well Drilling Co.	Duncan, Oklahoma, ship to 7212 Navigation Blvd., Houston, Texas.	3	Nov., 1932	San Antonio



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It is requested that as soon as an office has completed its investigation, the above goggles be returned to this office.

Very truly yours,

R. E. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
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2-Portland  
2-Dallas  
2-San Francisco  
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San Francisco, California  
March 27, 1934.

W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
205 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
318 Hayes Bldg., S.F. Calif.

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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan

April 3, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers' Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. E. Billings dated at Chicago, Illinois, 3-13-34, in the above entitled case, which report sets out an undeveloped lead for the Detroit Office to trace the sale of goggles shipped by G. H. Doxen & Company of Detroit, Michigan.

An examination of the records of G. H. Doxen & Company indicates that that company sold goggles of the type used in this case to the following named companies within the territory covered by the Chicago Office:

Wolverine Optical Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. 1 pair  
Hayes Body Corporation, Grand Rapids, Mich. 10 pair  
Kent-Moore Organization, Kalamazoo, Mich. 2 pair

This information is being furnished you in order that the sale of these goggles may be traced through the above companies.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Meekins, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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Justice, New York City.

J. A. Dowd  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
503-a U. S. Court House & Post Office  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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518 Hayes Building  
San Francisco, California.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 336,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

While checking hotels and garages in the City of San Francisco, it was ascertained at the William Taylor Garage, 206 Turk St., that a person giving the name of J. C. Hunter, address room 1115 William Taylor Hotel, brought into said garage, an Auburn Roadster, bearing 1933 California license 5-X-6430 on Nov. 4, 1933, and took the car out on Nov. 5, 1933.

It was further ascertained from the State of California Motor Vehicle Division, that California 1933 license 5-X-6430, was registered to a 1933 Ford truck in the name of Alfred Bettencourt, Tracy, California.

Investigation at the William Taylor Hotel discloses that a J. C. Hunter and wife, residence 114 Michel Terrace, Santa Barbara, California, registered in on Nov. 4, 1933, and checked out on Nov. 5, 1933.

It is requested that investigation be made at Santa Barbara, California, to ascertain if J. C. Hunter and wife are identical with suspects in this case. It has heretofore been ascertained that some of the suspects were in San Francisco on Oct. 3, 1933, and purchased an Auburn Sedan.

Very truly yours,

E.R. Montgomery,  
Special Agent in

✓ c.c. Division  
c.c. Salt Lake  
c.c. R.E. Vetterli, Golden Hotel, Reno, Nev.  
c.c. St. Paul

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

MARCH 30, 1934

W.A. RORER  
INSPECTOR  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
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BREKID GERE RENO ADVISES SUBJECTS UNDER NAMES BLACKBURN BURNES AND MARTIN WHILE IN RENO USED COLLECTIVELY THREE FOLLOWING LAUNDRY MARKS SEVENTY FIVE COMMA SEVEN FIVE ONE COMMA OR C SEVEN DASH

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OO: DIVISION ✓

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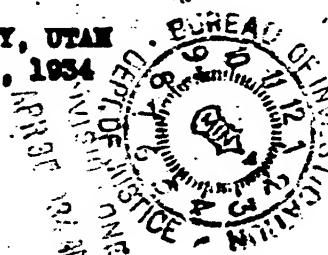
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Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 31, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, IO 1219, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim  
Kidnaping.

Mr. Fred Judge of the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, stationed at St. Louis, Missouri, while at this office on business yesterday, advised that he had been informed by one [redacted] an informant of your office, that William Weisman was in Minneapolis, Minnesota, about seven or eight days prior to the date Victim Bremer was kidnaped and, hence, would appear to be a logical suspect in connection with this case.

Mr. Judge saw a photograph of Weisman at this office and stated that that was the man he had in mind. The photograph in question is the one which was received at this office with a copy of the Division letter dated March 19, 1934, sent to the New York City office, copies of which letter and photograph were furnished to all offices receiving copies of the instant letter.

It is realized that you may have already received the above information, but it is thought advisable to furnish the same to you to preclude any possibility of not having obtained the same to date from you informant [redacted].

Very truly yours,

E. M. CONRO  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 31, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite 1,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Kindly refer to the memorandum of your office dated March 22, 1934, submitted by Special Agent W. F. Trainer, the last paragraph of which states that Paula Harmon for several years has used the alias of Mrs. J. Stanley Smith. Please advise this office the basis for this statement, whether you have information that Paula Harmon used this name prior to her occupancy of 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1933, and if so, the circumstances.

Very truly yours,

E. A. ROHR,  
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 31, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite L,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of March 16, 1934 in regard to Doc Barker, with suggestions for interview with Pardon and Parole Attorney of Oklahoma, please be advised that Special Agent F. S. Smith on March 28 conferred with Mr. C. E. B. Cutler, the Pardon and Parole Attorney for Oklahoma, along the lines of your suggestion that an Agent of your office call on G. E. Barker of Neosho, Missouri for the purpose of checking up on the parole of Doc Barker. Mr. Cutler expressed interest in assisting the Division in accomplishing this purpose, and stated that it would be entirely agreeable to him for the Division through its Agents to make such investigation and inquiry as they deemed desirable concerning the present parole status of Doc Barker; that he will personally handle in a satisfactory manner any correspondence that his office may receive in connection with the above. The name of Joe E. Cooper was suggested to Mr. Cutler as the name to be used by an Agent making the inquiry. Mr. Cutler made notes in the Doc Barker file for the purpose of refreshing his memory.

Mr. Cutler recalled the writer having previously made inquiry concerning the parole status of Volney Davis, and stated that he may be able to secure information of interest in locating Doc Barker and Volney Davis, the latter who is also on parole, through discreet inquiry of a confidential source; however, that he will hold this inquiry in abeyance pending the result of the Division's investigation at Neosho, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

Earle M. Black,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division:

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P. O. Box 1876,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 31, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite 1,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with you of this afternoon, please be advised that Sheriff Dee T. Watters, Miami, Oklahoma, called the Oklahoma City Division office today and advised Special Agent E. E. Hallie that he has an informant at Picher, Oklahoma who notified him early this morning that Fred Barker, accompanied by an unidentified man companion, was in Picher late in the evening of March 30, 1934. Fred Barker was driving a late model Nash sedan bearing Kansas license plates. Sheriff Watters had not been able to secure any information so far as to the reason for the visit of Fred Barker and his companion at Picher; however, he is making further investigation and will immediately advise the Oklahoma City office of any additional information obtained.

It was believed advisable to furnish the above information to you by telephone in view of the information contained in the letter from this office under date of March 27, 1934 to the effect that Fred Barker is alleged to have a brother, Leon Barker, residing at a point approximately four or five miles from Erie, Kansas, and that Fred Barker is reported to visit this brother from time to time. Sheriff Watters, when furnishing this information to the Oklahoma City office, stated that he believed it possible that Barker was in that section of the country to make some effort to deliver Charles Gotner and Nick Peterson who are now in custody of the Sheriff at Columbus, Kansas. It was the information of Sheriff Watters that Gotner and Peterson were to have a hearing or trial of some sort at Columbus, Kansas today.

Very truly yours,

Earle E. Black,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

cc Division  
St. Paul

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P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.  
March 31, 1934.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 513,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 25, 1934, requesting that this office furnish the best available descriptions from the files in the Oklahoma City Division office of Mrs. Kate Barker, with aliases; Dorothy Slayman, Tulsa Police Department No. 8012; Johan Armour, Tulsa Police Department No. 8010; Billie Fitch, Tulsa Police Department No. 8096; and of Mickey Ryan Smith and Madelyn Snyder.

The following descriptions of Dorothy Slayman, Johan Armour, and Billie Fitch were secured by this office from the Identification Bureau of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department:

Name:	DOROTHY SLAYMAN
Age:	30 (present)
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	145 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Auburn
Complexion:	Fair
Marks and Scars:	Brown, hairy mole on left forearm, outer.
Police Number:	8012, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Finger Print Classification:	17 W O 17

Name:	JOHAN ARMOUR
Age:	30 (present)
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	115 lbs.

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Build: Slender  
 Eyes: Brown  
 Hair: Auburn  
 Complexion: Fair  
 Marks and Scars: 1" cut scar at ball right eyebrow  
 Police Number: 5818, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
 Finger Print Classification: 55 V 7  
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 Name: BILLIE FITCH  
 Age: 30 (present)  
 Height: 5' 4"  
 Weight: 118 lbs.  
 Build: Medium slender  
 Eyes: Blue  
 Hair: Dark auburn  
 Complexion: Fair  
 Police Number: 5898, Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
 Finger Print Classification: 1 U III 4  
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 An examination of the files in the Oklahoma City Division office fails to disclose descriptions of Mrs. Kate Barker, Mickey Ryan Smith, and Madelyn Snyder, and inquiry at the Identification Bureau of the Tulsa Police Department developed that no descriptions of these parties are on file there. However, Captain George Stewart of the Tulsa Police Department furnished the following description of Mrs. Kate Barker to Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley:

Name: KATE BARKER  
 Age: 55 to 60 years  
 Height: 5' 5"  
 Weight: 120 lbs. (may be in excess of this weight)  
 Hair: Grey  
 Eyes: Unknown  
 Marks and Scars: Face terribly wrinkled  
 Peculiarities: Speaks with a high pitched, squeaky voice.



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A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Kansas City Division Office with the request that that office examine its files to determine whether or not descriptions of Mickey Ryan Smith, Madelyn Snyder, and Mrs. Kate Barker are contained therein. For the information of the Kansas City office, it is stated that the letter of reference states that these descriptions are desired for use in a summary report now being prepared in this case, and it is requested that this matter be given early attention.

The Oklahoma City office is making further effort to secure descriptions of Mrs. Kate Barker, Mickey Ryan Smith and Madelyn Snyder, and you will be advised immediately in the event these descriptions are secured.

Very truly yours,

Earle M. Black,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
Kansas City

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 31, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite 1,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-59.

Page 15 of the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear dated 3-22-34 advises that the photograph of Karpis, Tom Carroll, and one of the Barkers have been identified by parties in Sioux Falls as likenesses of the men who participated in the robbery of a bank in that city recently.

For your information, Special Agent in Charge Warner Hannal exhibited the photographs of the various suspects in this case at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to persons qualified to make a photographic identification, and none identified the photographs of the above named.

Very truly yours,

M. A. ROHR,  
Inspector.

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Mr. Harold Nathan,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
H. O. Box 1274, Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

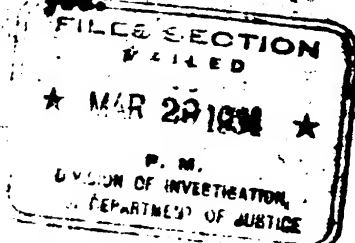
Dear Mr. Nathan:

There is enclosed herewith a memorandum dated March 29, 1934, prepared in the Division relative to interviews had with one Alcorn, alias Kora, alias Kay who, it is apparent, has obtained through one Leon Kramer, alias Miller, considerable information respecting underworld conditions at St. Paul, Minnesota.

As reflected in the letter of the New York Office dated March 26, 1934, Kramer has refused to furnish any information except through an interview with you. Therefore, because of the potential possibilities of obtaining valuable information which will be of assistance to this Division, I desire that you proceed to New York City for the purpose of interviewing Kramer and obtaining from him what information he desires to disclose to you.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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cc-New York  
Mr. Barker - St. Paul

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

With reference to the attached memorandum of March 29, 1934, prepared by Mr. Newby, covering the information furnished to us by one Alcorn, I believe that this matter is of sufficient importance for Mr. Newby to personally accompany Mr. Nathan to Dannemora, New York, when the original informant, ~~John Edgar~~, alias ~~John Edgar~~ is interviewed. Mr. Newby is so fully familiar with all the ramifications of this case that it would be desirable, I think, for him to be with Mr. Nathan at the time, in an effort, if possible, to be present when the informant is interviewed. Will you therefore please arrange for Mr. Newby to join Mr. Nathan at New York City, and then proceed with Mr. Nathan to Dannemora. Mr. Newby should, of course, endeavor to ascertain any and all information which the informant may have concerning activities, not only in St. Paul, but in any other part of the country, affecting any of the cases in which this Division has been called upon to assist. I think that the informant should be questioned concerning the Lindbergh case, because I note that in the original information submitted by Alcorn, reference is made to the fact that the same gang which perpetrated the Bremer kidnaping also perpetrated the Lindbergh kidnaping. The connection of Dutch Schuls with this group should be definitely ascertained. It would seem that this would be a very fertile source of information, for certain of the information which we have received up to the present time of Alcorn has checked exactly with the facts which we have developed at St. Paul and at Reno, Nevada. Mr. Nathan should be directed to proceed to New York from Oklahoma as soon as he has completed his inquiry into the Barker-Karpis-Bremer "leak" in Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

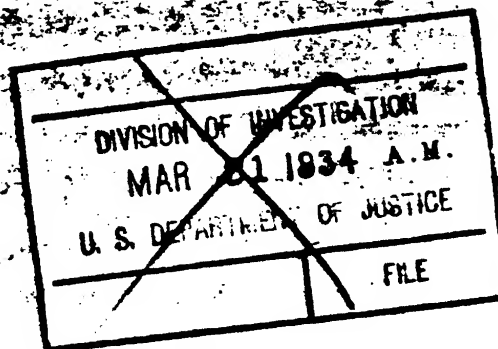
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March 29, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On January 8, 1934 an individual giving the name of Alcorn called at the Division and was interviewed by Assistant Director Nathan, as reflected in his memorandum of that date. On that occasion Alcorn wanted to know whether this Division would assist a person who furnished information of value and stated that the person in whom he was interested was a prisoner serving time for the crime of robbery or some similar offense. Alcorn was advised that, based upon the vague information furnished by him, there was very little which could be said in reply; that this Division was, of course, interested in any crime that came within its jurisdiction. Alcorn was advised that this Division would be willing to see anybody and would observe any secrecy along desired lines. He stated that he would see the person on whose behalf he had called at the Division and would return at a later date.

Under date of February 9, 1934 a telegram was received in the Division from Brooklyn, New York, signed "Ray", containing the following words: "MUST SEE YOU PERSONALLY TOMORROW TEN THIRTY A.M. VITALLY IMPORTANT". A telegram was immediately directed to the New York City Office, instructing that an appropriate investigation be made relative to the above quoted telegram, and as a result it was ascertained that the telegram was filed at 313 Fulton Street, New York City, on the afternoon of February 9, 1934, by an individual who stated he did not desire to give his name or address because he was leaving immediately for Washington to see you the following day. This individual was described by the Western Union telegraph clerk as being 21 years of age, 5'5" in height, 140 to 145 pounds in weight, with dark hair, dark eyes, heavy dark eyebrows, and he wore an oxford gray coat and a gray hat with a black band. He was further described as being of a very pleasing personality, and he appeared to be intelligent.

Division letter dated February 12, 1934, dictated by Assistant Director Clegg, addressed to the St. Paul Office, copies of which were furnished the New York and Chicago Offices, is quoted in order to consolidate in one memorandum the information contained in the Division's file with respect to the individual variously using the names of Alcorn, Kora and Ray:

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"An individual using variously the names of Alcorn, Kern, and Kay, has called at the Division with information which he feels might be valuable in connection with the investigation of kidnaping cases, particularly the Bremer kidnaping case. He has stated that he has a friend serving forty years in the State Penitentiary and he desires to get the influence of the Division to have this friend released, but he has been promised absolutely no assistance whatever.

"He stated that there was a restaurant in St. Paul operated by Harry Sawyer, telephone Emerson 2020, which is a hide-out for seven gangsters; that the Hollyhocks Inn, telephone Emerson 2121, St. Paul, is operated by a man by the name of Pfeiffer, who is a finger man and is always out of town whenever anything happens. This inn is located opposite a park which is at the bottom of a hill in St. Paul territory. He is the banker for gangsters and they keep in touch with him.

"He advised that outside the city of Chicago, in the town of Maywood, Illinois, is a place called the D-P Inn, a restaurant of which Doctor Stacy, an Italian, is owner, and is a gangsters' hide-out; the telephone number is Melrose Park 645; that at Crystal Lake, on route 19 out of Chicago, is a place called Louis's Inn; that it, too, is a hide-out, and the telephone number is Carey 65.

"He stated that Harry Schneewies, 1343 Greenleaf Avenue, Chicago, telephone Briarcliff 5356, operates a transient stopping place for gangsters en route from New York to St. Paul; that the St. Paul mobsters are a part of the New York gang which operates a coast to coast syndicate. One of the "big shots" of these gangs is Lucky Luciano, in New York; He stated that Louis "Dutch" Goldberg is a member of the mob and he lives at either the St. Paul or Lowry Hotel in St. Paul; that one of the headquarters of this syndicate is operated by individuals by the name of Myer and Duck, who have taken over the entire fourth floor of the Claridge Hotel in New York; that another one of the leaders is named Lupki; he has an office in the basement of the clothing store at 36th and Broadway, opposite the Automat; he stated that probably some of the individuals directly connected with the Bremer kidnaping are the brothers by the name of Dick and Freddy, who have an ugly old woman with them who poses as their mother, and who wears glasses.

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They drive a Hudson coach and likewise are frequently associated with two men known as Gus and Ray who have a western droll.

"The informant states that it would be fatal to let the New York police or the Chief of Police in St. Paul in on this matter and it is his belief that Dutch Schultz, wanted in New York, is employed by this syndicate and that this syndicate had "bumped off" Judge Grater of New York, and that they were also responsible for the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby.

"The informant telegraphed the Division Friday, advising he would call Saturday, and his wire was transmitted from New York. He was advised that hereafter, if he desired to save expense, he could call on the Division's confidential man in New York City, who would handle everything in strictest confidence, which would save the informant travel expense to Washington, and the name and address of Special Agent in Charge Fay at the Division's New York office were furnished him. He will call there hereafter, he states, using the name of Kern.

"Of course, it is impossible to promise that any action will be taken in connection with any one serving a sentence in a state penitentiary, and this is the objective which the informant states he is seeking. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chicago and New York offices for their information.

"The informant advised, upon his departure, that the gang uses Reno as a vacation point when they are hiding. He requests that the wires not be used between here and St. Paul, Minnesota, and indicated that at St. Paul everything is under the control of the syndicate and that it would probably be very unwise to use either the telephone or telegraph between Washington and St. Paul. He claims he has no proof of anything and merely furnished this information for what it is worth."

Upon receipt of the above quoted letter, the St. Paul Office addressed a letter to the Division, dated February 20, 1934, pointing out that the information furnished by the informant disclosed an exact knowledge of the underworld in St. Paul and indicated that possibly the individual in whom Alcorn was interested was one Dave Berman, who is presently serving a sentence in the Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York. A copy of the letter from the St. Paul Office, dated February 20, 1934, is attached hereto.

On March 17, 1934, the individual known to the Division as Alcorn called at the New York office and was interviewed by Mr. Fay, who learned that the prisoner in whom Alcorn is interested is Leon Kramer who, as Leon Miller, was convicted in June, 1926, on a charge of first degree robbery and sentenced to serve forty years in the penitentiary. According to the records of the Identification Unit, Leon Miller, #75765, was received at the Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, June 19, 1926, and from the information furnished by Alcorn, it appears that Miller escaped from this prison last year and was apprehended in September and returned to solitary confinement in the Dannemora, New York prison, where he is now confined.

The criminal record of this individual is also attached hereto. It appears from the criminal record of Kramer, alias Miller, that although arrested in Berlin, Germany, Brussels, Belgium and London, England, he has no criminal record reflecting arrests in St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota, and it is possible that during the time he served in Sing Sing Prison he became acquainted with Dave Berman, referred to in the letter from the St. Paul office, dated February 20, 1934.

There are attached hereto a copy of a letter addressed to the Division by the New York office, dated March 17, 1934, and a copy of a letter addressed to the Division by the New York office, dated March 26, 1934, wherein it is noted that Alcorn has advised that the information desired of Kramer would not be furnished to anyone but Assistant Director Harold Nathan; that no amount of persuasion on the part of Special Agent in Charge Fay could change his decision regarding this matter.

It is possible that through an interview with Kramer valuable information can be obtained relative to the underworld connections

between the St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago and New York gangs. It is also possible that Kramer may be in a position to furnish information concerning the whereabouts of Bernard Phillips, subject of Identification Order #1196.

The list of visitors to Dave Bernhardt, King King Prison, which list is in the possession of the New York State Prison, contains the names of a number of prominent members of the St. Paul underworld and also the names of a number of persons concerning whom the Division has no information at the present time. Kramer may possibly assist in the identification of these unknown individuals for whatever assistance it may be to the Division during the investigation of the above named gangs.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

Chicago Gangsters  
New York Gangsters  
St. Paul Gangsters



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P. O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 20, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

Edward George Bremer, Victim.

Kidnaping.

St. Paul File 7-20

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the Division's letter of February 12, 1934, regarding the results of an interview with one ALCOCK, who furnished certain information in this case.

Please be advised that it is quite evident to this office that this individual has an exact knowledge of the underworld in St. Paul. The information which he furnished to the Division, in every detail, so far as it relates to the St. Paul District, is correct.

For the Division's information, please be advised that Special Agent O. W. Hall, some months ago, had occasion to examine a number of letters taken from the room of "Chick" Herman, who is said to be a brother of Dave Herman, which letters are now in the possession of this office. From the letters it appears that the local underworld, that is the Glickman crowd, were obligated to take steps to effect the release of Dave Herman, who about 1925 received a forty years sentence for a kidnaping. Herman was sent to either Auburn or Sing Sing Penitentiary of New York State, but through the efforts of the Glickman crowd was later sent to another institution. In that connection one PATTON interceded for Dave Herman in New York State and was evidently using funds supplied by Dave Herman as the letters which Agent Hall examined indicated that Dave Herman had been "fleece" of a considerable sum of money by persons in the St. Paul underworld who were in contact for him with the Government of New York State. In that connection, Francis Keating, escaped federal prisoner, once had an automobile purchased for him by one PATTON. It is entirely possible that the two PATTON's are the same individual.

It is my suggestion that since the informant ALCOCK seems to have a very good knowledge of the underworld in St. Paul, that the person for whom he is apparently trying to make a deal for is probably

Dave Berman, however, if that is true, then obviously the informant ALONG must have some good connection in St. Paul and probably can give some information in the Bremer Kidnaping Case. It is my thought that when the informant is next interviewed he be asked the name of the person for whom he is interested. If it is Dave Berman, then the Division can safely assume that the informant has some definite knowledge.

In that connection this office has been advised that about two weeks ago, a Chicago newspaper carried a story to the effect that an inmate of Sing Sing Penitentiary, New York State, had received a letter from a member of the St. Paul underworld which stated that something big was going to happen in St. Paul. I believe that the New York office should ascertain immediately the penitentiary in which Dave Berman is incarcerated in an endeavor to learn if he has received any mail from St. Paul a short time before the Bremer Kidnaping, supplying the names of the persons writing to Berman. Of course, it would be desirable to get the letter if that is at all possible. In the event this inquiry proves successful, the St. Paul Office requests that the New York Office notify the St. Paul Office by telegram of the name of the writer of the communication.

For the Division's information, Dave Berman is under indictment in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and there is said to be a detainer lodged against him in New York State. The particular crime for which he is wanted in Milwaukee is not known but it is one of serious nature and Agent Hall has learned that the St. Paul underworld has attempted to have this detainer removed.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the New York City Office with the request that it conduct the investigation indicated herein.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HARRY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WCH:IN  
CC Chicago  
New York



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Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.  
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City

March 26, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

RE ALVIN KARPIS WITH ALIASES ET AL  
EDWARD G. BREMER VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

DEAR Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Division letter dated March 20, 1934, I contacted Mr. Alcorn on Saturday, March 24, 1934. He stated at that time that he desired to have this woman friend of Leon Kramer communicate with this office Monday morning and make final arrangements for the visit to Dannemora. Mr. Alcorn insisted that this woman who, incidentally, he stated is a niece of Kramer's accompany the Division representative to Dannemora, as he related that without her, Kramer would not talk.

Mr. Alcorn telephoned me this morning and stated that a decision had been definitely reached that Kramer would talk to nobody but Assistant Director Harold Nathan. No amount of persuasion on my part could change his decision in view of which this office will await further instructions before proceeding further.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. X. Fay

F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

FIF:VC

cc-Mr. W.A. Rorer,  
St. Paul

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 29, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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On January 8, 1934 an individual giving the name of Alcorn called at the Division and was interviewed by Assistant Director Nathan, as reflected in his memorandum of that date. On that occasion Alcorn wanted to know whether this Division would assist a person who furnished information of value and stated that the person in whom he was interested was a prisoner serving time for the crime of robbery or some similar offense. Alcorn was advised that, based upon the vague information furnished by him, there was very little which could be said in reply; that this Division was, of course, interested in any crime that came within its jurisdiction. Alcorn was advised that this Division would be willing to see anybody and would observe any secrecy along desired lines. He stated that he would see the person on whose behalf he had called at the Division and would return at a later date.

Under date of February 9, 1934 a telegram was received in the Division from Brooklyn, New York, signed "Kay", containing the following words: "MUST SEE YOU PERSONALLY TOMORROW TEN THIRTY A.M. VITALLY IMPORTANT". A telegram was immediately directed to the New York City Office, instructing that an appropriate investigation be made relative to the above quoted telegram, and as a result it was ascertained that the telegram was filed at 313 Fulton Street, New York City, on the afternoon of February 9, 1934, by an individual who stated he did not desire to give his name or address because he was leaving immediately for Washington to see you the following day. This individual was described by the Western Union telegraph clerk as being 21 years of age, 5'5" in height, 140 to 145 pounds in weight, with dark hair, dark eyes, heavy dark eyebrows, and he wore an oxford gray coat and a gray hat with a black band. He was further described as being of a very pleasing personality, and he appeared to be intelligent.

Division letter dated February 12, 1934, dictated by Assistant Director Clegg, addressed to the St. Paul Office, copies of which were furnished the New York and Chicago Offices, is quoted in order to consolidate in one memorandum the information contained in the Division's file with respect to the individual variously using the names of Alcorn, Korn and Kay:

"An individual using variously the names of Alcorn, Korn, and Kay, has called at the Division with information which he feels might be valuable in connection with the investigation of kidnaping cases, particularly the Bremer kidnaping case. He has stated that he has a friend serving forty years in the State Penitentiary and he desires to get the influence of the Division to have this friend released, but he has been promised absolutely no assistance whatever.

"He stated that there was a restaurant in St. Paul operated by Harry Sawyer, telephone Emerson 2020, which is a hide-out for seven gangsters; that the Hollyhocks Inn, telephone Emerson 2121, St. Paul, is operated by a man by the name of Pfeiffer, who is a finger man and is always out of town whenever anything happens. This inn is located opposite a park which is at the bottom of a hill in St. Paul territory. He is the banker for gangsters and they keep in touch with him.

"He advised that outside the city of Chicago, in the town of Maywood, Illinois, is a place called the O-P Inn, a restaurant of which Doctor Stacy, an Italian, is owner, and is a gangsters' hide-out; the telephone number is Melrose Park 645; that at Crystal Lake, on route 19 out of Chicago, is a place called Louie's Inn; that it, too, is a hide-out, and the telephone number is Carey 65.

"He stated that Harry Schneweiss, 1343 Greenleaf Avenue, Chicago, telephone Briarcliff 5356, operates a transient stopping place for gangsters en route from New York to St. Paul; that the St. Paul mobsters are a part of the New York gang which operates a coast to coast syndicate. One of the "big shots" of these gangs is Lucky Luciana, in New York; he stated that Louis "Dutch" Goldberg is a member of the mob and he lives at either the St. Paul or Lowry Hotel in St. Paul; that one of the headquarters of this syndicate is operated by individuals by the name of Myer and Buck, who have taken over the entire fourth floor of the Claridge Hotel in New York; that another one of the leaders is named Lupki; he has an office in the basement of the clothing store at 38th and Broadway, opposite the Automat; he stated that probably some of the individuals directly connected with the Bremer kidnaping are two brothers by the name of Dick and Freddy, who have an ugly old woman with them who poses as their mother, and who wears glasses.

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They drive a Hudson coach and likewise are frequently associated with two men known as Gus and Ray who have a western drawl.

"The informant states that it would be fatal to let the New York police or the Chief of Police in St. Paul in on this matter and it is his belief that Dutch Schulz, wanted in New York, is employed by this syndicate and that this syndicate had "bumped off" Judge Crater of New York, and that they were also responsible for the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby.

"The informant telegraphed the Division Friday, advising he would call Saturday, and his wire was transmitted from New York. He was advised that hereafter, if he desired to save expense, he could call on the Division's confidential man in New York City, who would handle everything in strictest confidence, which would save the informant travel expense to Washington, and the name and address of Special Agent in Charge Fay at the Division's New York office were furnished him. He will call there hereafter, he states, using the name of Korn.

"Of course, it is impossible to promise that any action will be taken in connection with any one serving a sentence in a state penitentiary, and this is the objective which the informant states he is seeking. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chicago and New York offices for their information.

"The informant advised, upon his departure, that the gang uses Reno as a vacation point when they are hiding. He requests that the wires not be used between here and St. Paul, Minnesota, and indicated that at St. Paul everything is under the control of the syndicate and that it would probably be very unwise to use either the telephone or telegraph between Washington and St. Paul. He claims he has no proof of anything and merely furnished this information for what it is worth."

Upon receipt of the above quoted letter, the St. Paul Office addressed a letter to the Division, dated February 20, 1934, pointing out that the information furnished by the informant disclosed an exact knowledge of the underworld in St. Paul and indicated that possibly the individual in whom Alcorn was interested was one Dave Berman, who is presently serving a sentence in the Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York. A copy of the letter from the St. Paul Office, dated February 20, 1934, is attached hereto.

On March 17, 1934, the individual known to the Division as Alcorn called at the New York office and was interviewed by Mr. Fay, who learned that the prisoner in whom Alcorn is interested is Leon Kramer who, as Leon Miller, was convicted in June, 1926, on a charge of first degree robbery and sentenced to serve forty years in the penitentiary. According to the records of the Identification Unit, Leon Miller, #78765, was received at the Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, June 18, 1926, and from the information furnished by Alcorn, it appears that Miller escaped from this prison last year and was apprehended in September and returned to solitary confinement in the Dannemora, New York prison, where he is now confined.

The criminal record of this individual is also attached hereto. It appears from the criminal record of Kramer, alias Miller, that although arrested in Berlin, Germany, Brussels, Belgium and London, England, he has no criminal record reflecting arrests in St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota, and it is possible that during the time he served in Sing Sing Prison he became acquainted with Dave Berman, referred to in the letter from the St. Paul office, dated February 20, 1934.

There are attached hereto a copy of a letter addressed to the Division by the New York office, dated March 17, 1934, and a copy of a letter addressed to the Division by the New York office, dated March 26, 1934, wherein it is noted that Alcorn has advised that the information desired of Kramer would not be furnished to anyone but Assistant Director Harold Nathan; that no amount of persuasion on the part of Special Agent in Charge Fay could change his decision regarding this matter.

It is possible that through an interview with Kramer valuable information can be obtained relative to the underworld connections

between the St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago and New York gangs. It is also possible that Kramer may be in a position to furnish information concerning the whereabouts of Bernard Phillips, subject of Identification Order #1196.

The list of visitors to Dave Barker, serving life term in the New York State Prison, which list is in the possession of the New York office, reflects the names of a number of prominent members of the St. Paul underworld and also the names of a number of persons concerning whom the Division has no information at the present time. Kramer may possibly assist in the identification of these unknown individuals for whatever assistance it may be to the Division during the investigation of the above named gangs.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. Newby



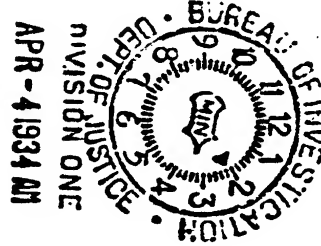
U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

Room 1403,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

THH:MOB  
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April 2, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

In response to Division letter of March 28, 1934 in the matter ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al - KINAPING - (Edward George Bremer, Victim, I have to inform as follows with respect to one Leon Kraemer.

Leon Kraemer is a Polish Jew having been born in Russian Poland in 1892. His correct name is supposed to be Leon ~~Alis~~, it may be ~~Liss~~ or ~~List~~. In his early life he associated with his half-brother, Jacob, who was born in Russian Poland in 1873. The first record of Lis is found in Berlin, Germany, where on September 15, 1911, under the name of Hersh Borg, he was sentenced to serve twenty days for begging. The next heard of him was in Brussels, Belgium, where on August 8, 1913 under the name of Herman Kaelekozstan, he was sentenced to serve eighteen months for the crime of larceny. During this period he was perfecting a new system for safe cracking. He then went to London, England with his half-brother Jacob, and the two became antique dealers but for a short time as on October 11, 1915 they were deported to Petrograd, Russia. They escaped in Sweden and made their way into the United States but a few days after landing here were arrested at Baltimore, Md. charged with safe cracking. On December 5, 1916 they were sentenced to serve ten years in the Maryland State Penitentiary. This conviction and sentence was under the name of Leon List. While in the Maryland State Penitentiary they became acquainted with Richard Reese Whittmore, a burglar and holdup man. Sometime around 1919 they were released from the Maryland State Penitentiary. On February 16, 1919, under the name of Leon Miller, Kraemer was arrested at Detroit, Mich.

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for a safe job but was freed. Following this, it is reported that he and his brother went to Cleveland, Ohio and secured first citizenship papers. From 1920 to 1925 the Kraemers were in New York City, and introduced into this country the can-opener method of cracking safes, which method they perfected abroad.

Whittemore escaped from the Maryland State Penitentiary in February 1925, killing a guard while so doing. Whittemore came to New York and formed a gang. The Kraemers were part of this gang. In 1925 the city of New York was terrorized by a series of jewelry holdups undertaken by the Whittemore gang. It is estimated that over one-half million dollars in jewelry was obtained through this series of holdups. It was reported at that time that the Kraemers had a specialized knowledge of the jewelry trade and knew exactly how to dispose of the loot. It was reported that they were cleverer than Whittemore and the other gunmen; that they were scientists and business men of criminal profession, and that they are the "best safe burglars in the country". The part the Kraemers took in these stickups, consisted of spotting the victims and disposing of the loot through the medium of "fences".

The Whittemore gang was arrested in New York City in the latter part of March 1926. Whittemore was returned to Maryland and on August 12, 1926 convicted and executed for the crime of murder. A number of indictments was secured in New York City against his gang. The Kraemers were indicted and stood trial, which was held in May 1926. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as to both for robbery in the first degree as second offenders. On June 12, 1926 the Kraemers were sentenced to serve forty years in State Prison. The Kraemers used an alibi at the trial, they claiming they were in Philadelphia, Pa. in the office of a real estate man with a view to buying real estate at the time of the alleged offense in New York City. Jacob Kraemer died in prison in 1930.

Leon Kraemer was received at Sing Sing Prison in June 1926. On June 29, 1926, he was transferred to Clinton Prison, Dannemora, N.Y. In November 1927, the authorities at Dannemora uncovered a plot for a wholesale jail break said to have been engineered by Leon Kraemer. Two shipments of arms and ammunition were intercepted, and Kraemer stabbed a fellow prisoner who he believed to have given the

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plot away. On August 1, 1931, he was transferred to Auburn Prison, Auburn, N.Y. On April 8, 1932 he was transferred to Great Meadow Prison, Comstock, N.Y. In August 1932, he escaped from Great Meadow Prison by means of connivance with a "trustee". He made his way to New York City, and was not apprehended until June 1933. On June 8, 1933 he was found shot and injured in an apartment at 305 East 88th Street. A block away from the apartment on Second Avenue, was found the body of George Schaefer. The authorities believed that Schaefer and Kraemer occupied this apartment together, and that gangsters shot them. In the apartment was found guns and ammunition. He was returned to prison but was later returned to New York City to stand trial for the murder of George Schaefer, and was freed in Magistrate's Court on this charge on September 8, 1933. He was returned to Clinton Prison, Dannemora, N.Y., and from that time to this, it is reported he has been in solitary confinement. It will be observed that Kraemer has been continuously confined since June 1926 to date with the exception of eight months in the latter part of 1932 and the early part of 1933.

The Whittemore gang was effectively disposed of through convictions and killings.

A copy of this letter will be furnished Mr. Nathan upon his arrival in New York City.

Very truly yours,

*F.X. Fay*  
F.X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc St. Paul.



P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 31, 1934

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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

APR 3 1934 PM  
DIVISION ONE

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your telegram dated March 28,  
1934 relative to Ford V-8, Motor No. 18-493080.

Special Agent F. S. Smith of the Oklahoma City Division  
office has contacted Mr. E. A. Hepper, in charge of the Auto Theft  
Division, Oklahoma State Highway Department, at Oklahoma City and  
has advised him of the change in motor number, and a stop order has  
been placed against this automobile. The same action is being  
taken by Special Agent L. M. Chipman of the State Highway Depart-  
ment in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

Harle W. Black, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Division

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

5 and 10 dollar bills--no  
large variety of issues.

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We demand \$200,000.  
Payment must be made in  
no consecutive numbers.

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St Paul Minnesota  
March 29 1934

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BREKID REFER DIVISION LETTER ADDRESSED YOU DATED TWENTY SEVENTH INSTANT  
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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
March 27, 1934.

F. L. FAY,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE - Room 1403,  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

BREKID WILLIAM J. GRAHAM MENTIONED MY WIFE YOU LAST NIGHT RELATIVE DISAPPEARANCE  
ROY FRISON IS BELIEVED TO BE HINGO CONTACT OF SUBJECTS IN BREKID CASE STOP YOUR  
AGENTS SHOULD KEEP THIS REPORTED CONNECTION IN MIND WHEN GIVING ATTENTION TO  
WILLIAM J. GRAHAM.

DOWD.

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cc - Division ✓  
cc - St. Paul.

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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 29, 1934.

MAR 31 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
315 Hayes Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

This is in confirmation of telegram dated 3-27-34  
wherein attention was called to misstatement in motor number  
of Ford V8, mentioned at top of page 2 in my letter of 3-23-34.  
The motor number of this car should read 18-493,080. All  
Division offices have been requested to make this correction.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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Cc Division ✓  
Cc Each Div. office.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,

CHARGE



DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING, ST  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

BREKID SECURE DESCRIPTION JEWELL JOHNSON TULSA PD NUMBER FIVE EIGHT  
FOUR TWO AND WIRE SAME INSPECTOR BOKER SAINTPAUL ALSO FURNISH THIS  
OFFICE WITH SAME

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DE INVESTIGATION

P. O. Box 818,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 29, 1934.

Mr. Albert Jardee, Postmaster,  
Arkdale, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication  
concerning certain information obtained by you regarding an  
occurrence at Friendship, Wisconsin. Thank you for your coop-  
eration.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BORER,  
Inspector.

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Cc Division

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 29, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
315 Hayes Building  
San Francisco, Calif.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter from this office  
dated March 6, 1934 and your reply thereto dated March 26,  
1934, and particularly concerning James Rogers and 1934  
license plates 6-N-475, please be advised that no further  
investigation need be made by your office in this matter.

Very truly yours,

KRM:IM  
Cc Division

W.A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 8709  
Portland, Oregon

March 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
518 Howe Building  
San Francisco, California

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al  
Edward George Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This is with reference to my telegram of this date referring to your letter of March 13 advising that the record of the issuance of 1931 license to one Homer Wilson, 2045 Abbey Street, Oakland, California, appeared to be the H. Wilson referred to in my telegram to your office of March 10, and requesting that full information be developed as to this individual and the Chicago office advised.

In this connection, I am enclosing herewith copy of report of Special Agent W. Carter Barm dated March 13, 1934, at Chicago, it appearing that your office was not furnished with copies of same, there being no leads in your district known to the Chicago office. Copies of my report of the 24th inst. are also enclosed herewith.

There appears to be no question but that the address as taken by the Seattle Police Department from Wilson of his alleged friend as 945 Abbey Street was erroneously recorded as 945 instead of 2045.

It is thought from the registration issued Homer Wilson on January 20, 1931, it may be possible to trace this individual through ownership of automobiles. MAR 28 1934

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Very truly yours,	
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cc Division  
Rorer, St. Paul  
Los Angeles  
Chicago

C. C. Spears  
Special Agent in Charge



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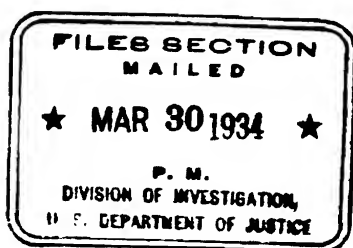
March 30, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

f---, John Gordon



Very truly yours,

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Director.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 29, 1934



Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of March 28th, request-  
ing descriptions of JEWELL JOHNSON, DOROTHY DODD and LEOTA GRAHAM for  
use in the summary report now being prepared in the above case. In  
keeping with this request, the following are the descriptions of DOROTHY  
DODD and LEOTA GRAHAM as reflected in the files at this office:-

Name: LEOTA GRAHAM  
Aliases: Mrs. Harry Boyd

Age: 24 Yrs (1909)  
Height: 5' 2"  
Weight: 134 lbs.  
Hair: Light brown  
Eyes: Light blue  
Complexion: Medium  
Build: —  
Nationality: American  
Police Number: Co. Bluffs, Iowa,  
Police No. 1304.  
Residence: 70 Maywood Ave.,  
Malston, Neb.

DOROTHY DODD  
Marin Morris, Tessie  
Wilhite, Tess Gallagher,  
Mrs. Harry Dalabar, Tessie  
Wilhite Cook.  
Age: 24 Yrs. (1909)  
Height: 5' 2"  
Weight: 135 lbs.  
Hair: dk. chestnut, dyed red.  
Eyes: Gray, slate blue  
Complexion: Mod. sallow  
Build: Slender  
Nationality: American  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Police No. 10761.  
6125 Ridge Ave.,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

This office does not have a description of JEWELL JOHNSON,  
but a telegram has been directed this date to the Oklahoma City office,  
requesting that the description of this party be secured from the Tulsa  
Oklahoma Police Department, and such information forwarded direct to you  
by wire.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH  
CC:Division,  
Oklahoma City.  
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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

March 27, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. EGAN	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. RORER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Relative to the publicity in the Bremer case concerning the latent fingerprints found on the gasoline cans, you are advised that Mr. Brantley called. Special Agent Black has interviewed Mr. Burke at Tulsa, Burke being an executive officer of the guild which met in Washington. Burke has confidentially advised Special Agent Black that Henry Chase, a detective of the Tulsa Police Department, gave him the information about the latent prints on the cans about two weeks prior to March 15, 1934, the date of the arrest of the gangsters in Oklahoma. Burke exacted a promise that Black or other Agents not approach Mr. Chase, who is Burke's informant. Burke said that Chase had told him that Special Agent Hollis had inadvertently dropped this information while seeking cooperation of the Tulsa Police Department and while in conversation with Detective Chase.

Mr. Burke stated that upon the making of the arrest following the raid in Oklahoma he released the information which he had obtained from Chase, thinking that the Barker-Karpis gang had been apprehended; that upon subsequently learning that they had not, he had been very regretful of the fact that he had released this information.

I instructed Mr. Brantley to call Agent Hollis into the Oklahoma City office immediately to obtain the full facts, and advise the Division of the result of this interview.

Respectfully,

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Be certain to get final word from Brantley then notify Rorer so he can discontinue further efforts in St. Paul. J. C. A.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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March 28, 1934

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. Egan	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. RORER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

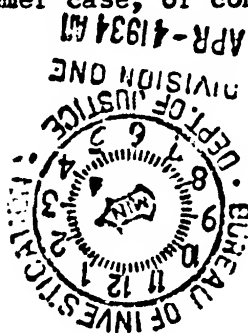
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With reference to the investigation being conducted as to the leak resulting in publicity concerning the Barker-Karpis-Bremer case, Mr. Brantley telephoned last night. He stated that he had talked with Special Agent Hollis, who takes the position in all sincerity that he has never talked with any peace officer or newspaper men concerning the identification of the prints on the tin cans. He stated that Hollis claimed that he is sure that he did not talk, but that if he did he does not remember it. I told Mr. Brantley that this obviously was not a positive denial and I inquired for the purpose of determining if Hollis made a positive denial, and after several efforts Mr. Brantley called Mr. Hollis into the room where he was talking on the phone and Hollis advised him to make it positive that he has not talked with anyone.

Mr. Burks of Tulsa, who had indicated that Hollis had possibly talked inadvertently to Officer Chase, telephoned Agent E. M. Black yesterday afternoon and stated that he did not want it to be understood that he had dogmatically stated that Hollis had talked; that it was his intention to convey the impression that since both Special Agents Hollis and Burch had been in that vicinity working on this case that it was likely that they might have inadvertently let something drop concerning the identification of fingerprints. Mr. Burks advised during the phone call that he wanted it understood that this was a hypothetical situation which he was submitting for the benefit of Mr. Black.

Brantley stated that Agent Hollis and Agent Burch had both contacted various peace officers in connection with the Bremer case, looking for the subjects and they have both denied emphatically that they had given out any information. Hollis stated that at the time of the first raid there had been a discussion of fingerprints, but nothing was said concerning the identification of fingerprints in the Bremer case, or concerning the gasoline cans that had been found.

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Information has also been received that a Mr. J. Bracewell of Tulsa, who is a Special Agent for an oil well company, claims that he had received this information about the Barker-Karpis identification two or three weeks before its publication, and it was stated that he had received this information from either Fort Worth or Kansas City.

It now appears that Burks is changing his position and that the status of this case is certainly not definitely established as to the identity of the individuals responsible for the leak. I have instructed Mr. Brantley to interview Bracewell and to obtain signed statements from both Special Agents Hollis and Burch and to transmit the information to the Division promptly.

Respectfully,

  
H. H. Clegg

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Mr. Harold Nathan,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

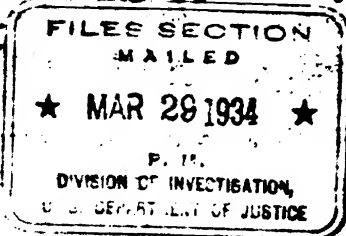
Dear Mr. Nathan:

Concerning the telephonic conversation with you today, it is desired that you make appropriate inquiries relative to the publicity developed from the Barker-Karpis-Bremer case.

In this connection, when Mr. Brantley telephoned the Division, he stated that in his talk with Hollis, Hollis claimed that he is sure he did not talk "but that if he did talk, he does not remember it". This, of course, is not a positive denial and this questioning was predicated upon information supplied by Mr. Burks of Tulsa that Hollis had talked inadvertently to Officer Chase and that this was the source of the information.

Mr. Brantley was informed that, of course, such a statement as that attributed to Hollis was not a positive denial and that in view of the direct information obtained, Mr. Hollis should be questioned for the purpose of obtaining either a positive denial or an admission. Subsequently and during the course of the same telephone conversation, Mr. Hollis denied positively that he had given out the information.

Special Agent E. M. Black, it appears, had interviewed Mr. Burks and Burks had given the information about Hollis' inadvertently talking with Officer Chase and upon the completion of the telephone conversation with the Oklahoma City Office, according to Mr. Brantley, Mr. Burks telephoned Special Agent Black, advising that he had offered this as a hypothetical case and did not intend that it should be interpreted as a dogmatic accusation against Hollis and during the conversation between Mr. Burks and Special Agent Black, the name of Special Agent Burch was likewise introduced into the hypothetical case. This matter should be gone into thoroughly, not only to determine the facts relative to the



Mr. Harold Nathan

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accusation, but likewise it appears significant that after Special Agent Hollis had been called to the Oklahoma City Office for questioning, Mr. Burke should take it upon himself to telephone further about the matter. It is further significant that Mr. Bracewell, who appeared at Saint Paul today, understood that the "heat was on Hollis" at Oklahoma City.

Mr. Bracewell also indicates that during the course of the raid, three newspaper representatives, one of them a woman, accompanied the officers on the raid and I desire you to obtain full facts relative to this situation and the responsibility for the apparent mishandling of this undertaking.

Mr. Bracewell further indicated that Mr. Wente Smith of Topeka, Kansas and also Mr. George Stewart, a peace officer in Oklahoma, the latter being present during the raid, had received information not only as to the identification made in the Bremer case, but as to the method by which the identification had been established. These matters should be inquired into of course.

The whole scope of the inquiry to date has been very much akin to the buck passing arrangement between the Oklahoma City and Saint Paul territories and I am desirous that this matter be definitely and finally brought to a logical conclusion in order to establish the source of the information which appeared in the Press and whether any Special Agents of this Division are culpable in that respect.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

RHC:TAM

March 29, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Concerning the publicity relative to the Barker-Karpis-Bremer case, in a recent conversation with Mr. Brantley, he stated that he had heard that a Mr. Bracewell of Tulsa had received information two weeks before the publication of the identifications and his information had been received at either Fort Worth or Kansas City. Mr. Rorer telephoned and advised that Bracewell has been interviewed by him in St. Paul. Bracewell is a Special Agent for the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company. His full name is J. A. Bracewell, and he was one of those who was present at the time the raid was made in Oklahoma. He advised Mr. Rorer that on the 17th or 18th of February, after the raid made on Cookson, he received information from Paul Hansen that the identifications had been made, although Hansen did not tell him how they were made. Bracewell understands that Agent Hollis is having the "heat put on him" in Oklahoma City for this matter. Bracewell states that to his knowledge the head of the Kansas State Police, Wentz Smith, of Topeka, Kansas, told how the identification was made and Bracewell obtained this information from Smith when he saw him in Tulsa. Bracewell advises further that there were three press representatives on the raid, one of them being Voight of the Associated Press; another was a girl, and there was still another, whose identity is unknown. Likewise, on the raid, was a peace officer by the name of George Stewart or Stuart. Bracewell states that he knows that Wentz Smith knew how the identification was made and who had been identified; that Paul Hansen knew who had been identified and that George Stewart had the information relative to the identification.

I believe it would be advisable for Mr. Nathan, enroute to Oklahoma City, to go by Topeka, Kansas and interview Wentz Smith before proceeding to Oklahoma City to conduct the investigation relative to Hollis and Hansen.

Respectfully,

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 2, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the telephone taps being maintained  
on the office telephones of GILBERT NELSON, phones as follows: Seeley  
4747 and Seeley 4748, address 748 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
have been without results to date.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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BREKID WITH REGARD TO EFFORTS TO APPREHEND ED AND TED BENTZ INFORMATION  
HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT THEY MAKE TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH GEORGE BENTZ AND  
BROTHER WHO LIVE AT 7124 WEST BELDEN AVENUE BY CALLING THE RESIDENCE OF  
MRS TAKLA SANDAHL LOCATED AT 7128 WEST BELDEN AVENUE TELEPHONE NUMBER  
MERRIMAC 4417 IN CHECKING TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM THE ROOM OCCUPIED  
BY ED BENTZ AND HIS WIFE AT THE SHELDRAKE HOTEL DURING SUMMER 1933  
RECORD WAS FOUND SHOWING THEY CALLED THIS NUMBER STOP ADVISE IF  
AUTHORITY GRANTED TO TAP THIS WIRE AND IF SO I WILL ARRANGE TO DO SO  
WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE TO HANDLE SAME LATER

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503-A U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
April 4, 1934

Mr. S. A. Rorer,  
Inspector,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping  
S.L. File 7-57

Dear Sir:

I respectfully invite your attention to report  
of Agent E. E. Sackett made at this office under date of  
4-3-34 and in connection therewith I am enclosing six  
positive and two negatives of the photographs showing  
both views of the hat given by subject Harry Campbell  
woman to Mrs. Ruth Elliott of Reno, Nevada.

As stated in Agent Sackett's report, these are  
being forwarded to you for assistance in tracing the hat  
should you consider that practicable and advisable.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
684 Lafayette Bldg.,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

Please refer to report of Special Agent E.J. Dowd dated at Dallas, Texas 3/7/34: "\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. wife, \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ Campbell - at \_\_\_\_\_ Texas with the return address \_\_\_\_\_ Creek Drug, Inc., \_\_\_\_\_ Creek, Mich."

Office of the Mayor, New York City  
New York, N.Y.  
November 1, 1964

The Bureau will conduct appropriate investigation of the person mailing the communication and effort to locate the person.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 4, 1934

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Mr. R. Whitley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
226 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Will you please ask Special Agent Sorola, now attached to the New Orleans office, to submit a detailed statement of any conversation which he might have had with Chief of Detectives Stewart at Tulsa, Oklahoma in connection with the identifications of the Barker-Karpis gang in the Bremer kidnaping case.


Special Agent Sorola should be requested to be extremely specific as to any statement which he may have made to Captain George Stewart of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department, or any statement which he may have heard other agents make in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 4, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
I.O. #1218; Arthur R. Barker with  
aliases, I. O. #1219; et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Following are the descriptions of Billie Fitch, Tulsa,  
Oklahoma Police Department #8896, and Jo Ann Armour, Tulsa,  
Oklahoma Police Department #8010, as requested in your letter of  
March 31, 1934:

Name	-	Billie Fitch
Age	-	20 (present)
Height	-	5' 4"
Weight	-	118 lbs.
Build	-	Medium slender
Eyes	-	Blue
Hair	-	Dark auburn
Complexion	-	Fair
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Name	-	Jo Ann Armour
Age	-	28 (present)
Height	-	5' 5"
Weight	-	115 lbs.
Build	-	Slender
Eyes	-	Brown
Hair	-	Auburn
Complexion	-	Fair
Stamps & Scars	-	1" out scar at tail right eyebrow
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You also requested that six photographs of each of the above named individuals be forwarded to your office, if available. Please be advised that the Oklahoma City office does not have available six copies of the photograph of each of these individuals; however, I am forwarding one of each, from which copies may be made.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

cc-Mr. Rorer - St. Paul  
Division

P. O. Box 1296  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 4, 1934

REH:MB  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite L,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
I.O. #1218; Arthur R. Barker with  
aliases, I. O. #1219; et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Confirming my telephone conversation with you under  
date of April 3, 1934, please be advised that information was re-  
ceived on April 3rd from Chief of Police Edwards, Sapulpa, Oklahoma,  
to the effect that [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] had received a letter  
from [REDACTED] who is reported to be living  
with Leon Barker, a brother of Fred Barker, on a farm near Iris,  
Kansas. In this letter [REDACTED] is reported to have ad-  
vised [REDACTED] that Fred Barker was at the farm of Leon Barker  
(and had made inquiry as to the health of [REDACTED] This in-  
formation was secured discreetly by [REDACTED] in conversation  
with [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Mr. Rorer - St. Paul.  
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Saint Louis, Missouri  
April 4, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a memorandum submitted by Special Agent G. B. Morris of this office in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Springfield, Illinois  
April 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

In Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

On March 31, 1934 Assistant Postmaster Thomas Harber of Jacksonville, Illinois was interviewed in the absence of Postmaster W. A. Fay relative to the above entitled matter.

Mr. Harber stated that he and the Postmaster had not known Alfred W. Leeper prior to receipt of a letter from him on March 28, 1934; that upon receipt of the letter in which Leeper stated that he had received information indicating that certain Jacksonville, Illinois men were connected with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, the Postmaster and Mr. Harber called upon Mr. Leeper, but obtained very little information of value from him; however, that Leeper told them that he suspected that Abe Love of Jacksonville may have had some of the money which was paid by the Bremer family to the kidnapers. Mr. Harber stated that he requested Leeper to give all of the information in his possession to the Department of Justice when a representative of this Department calls upon him, advising him that they would make arrangements to contact the St. Louis Division Office for him.

Alfred W. Leeper, 552 Hardin Avenue, Jacksonville, Illinois, was interviewed at the office of the Postmaster, at which time he stated that years ago he was a special agent for the Chicago and Alton Railroad, and at the present time he is making investigations for insurance companies in small matters and doing whatever odd jobs of investigating he can find; that in the event the information he is about to furnish relating to the above entitled matter develops to be of advantage to the Government it will do considerable good for him with certain persons whose names he does not care to mention. He stated that part of the information in his possession comes from J. A. Hoffman, Superintendent of the Power and Light Company of Jacksonville, which has been owned by one of the Insull Companies. He stated that Mr. Hoffman is a highly respected man and entirely trustworthy; however, that he may hesitate to furnish information because of the fact that he may feel that the Government is investigating his company in connection with the Insull case. Mr. Leeper stated that he has resided in Jacksonville for about eight years and at one time was employed by the Power and Light Company in Jacksonville, and that Mr. Hoffman discharged him because it became known that Leeper had been an investigator. He stated that he and Mr. Hoffman are on friendly terms at present and he suggested that his name be used when Mr. Hoffman is interviewed. He stated that Mr. Hoffman can give detailed information regarding this matter. He declined to furnish the name and address of the other person who had furnished information in connection with this matter, stating that he is an undercover investigator who often loafs at Abe Love's place in Jacksonville and it is doubtful if he could give additional information regarding this matter.

Mr. Leeper stated that a few days ago while at the Chamber of Commerce Club Rooms in Jacksonville he interviewed Mr. Hoffman regarding a private matter which Mr. Leeper has under investigation, and while in conversation with Mr. Hoffman he stated that Abe Love should be investigated, as he often leaves town and after a bout a month returns and seems to have considerable money in his possession. He further stated that his other informant advised him that someone wrote a letter from Oklahoma to the Bremer family at St. Paul, requesting the Bremer family to deliver an additional \$10,000.00 in exchange for \$10,000.00 in marked money which had been paid by the Bremer family to the kidnapers. He stated that the money was to be paid at some point in Illinois and that Abe Love was to receive the money and return the marked money; that the marked money had been turned over to Abe Love by the kidnapers for that purpose. Mr. Leeper stated that he does not believe that Abe Love could actually be involved in the kidnaping as he could not be trusted by the kidnapers; that he talks loud and is very boastful; however, that he is an excellent mechanic, and an expert automobile driver and might be chosen as a driver for kidnapers; that his occupation is that of welder and because of this may have some connection with bank robbers; that he is known as a local gambler and has served as an informant to police; that he is immune from arrest as the police have been unable to "get anything on him."

It is suggested that Mr. Leeper may have read newspaper stories of the attempt recently made to collect \$10,000.00 from the Bremer family at Joy, Illinois. In that case the letter had been posted at Rock Island, Illinois.

Mr. Leeper named the following persons as friends and associates of Love and as possible suspects in this matter:

PAUL THOMPSON, disbarred attorney of Jacksonville, Illinois, and son of a former prominent judge. He stated that Thompson and has been a friend of Abe Love and other disreputable persons residing in Jacksonville.

TOM McVICOE, former Manager of the Dunlap Hotel in Jacksonville and close friend of Mr. Dunlap, former official of the Ayers National Bank. He stated that Abe Love and his associates had met at the Dunlap Hotel and that McVicoe left Jacksonville several months ago; that McVicoe owned a summer home in Wisconsin, the location of which Leeper does not know; that he is a married man and has a family.

JIM SCOTT, garage owner who loafs at the American Legion Hall and at Abe Love's place in Jacksonville.

BOB UNDERWOOD, colored porter who formerly worked at the Dunlap Hotel and after being discharged appeared in Jacksonville driving a large automobile.

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L. P. (PERCY) OWEN, former Prohibition Agent and at one time desk sergeant at the police station in Jacksonville. Mr. Leeper stated that Owen is a friend of Love and has been in trouble of various kinds:

[redacted] that Owen had been an officer in the U. S. Army.

HOMER PASCEL,

[redacted] that his father resides in Jacksonville and Pascel is said to be an expert shot with firearms.

ROCCO CHENEKER, a greek or italian who was at one time associated with the Egan Rats of St. Louis and had been employed by the Jacksonville Power and Light Company.

Mr. Leeper stated that McVieor operated the Dunlap Hotel in Jacksonville until it went into receivership several months ago, when he is alleged to have returned to Chicago. He stated that his informant had advised him that Love at one time attempted to borrow \$500.00 in Jacksonville, offering as security twice that amount in "hot money." It should be noted that there are only two banks now operating in Jacksonville, The Elliott State Bank and the Farmers State Bank and Trust Company. There is also a Postal Savings Bank at the Post Office.

It should be noted that Abe Love was interviewed in connection with a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case almost a year ago which he had reported to the local police department. At that time Chief of Police Frank Kiloran stated that Love had furnished such information to the police on prior occasions; however, that he is entirely unreliable and it should be noted that he was not used in that case as a witness because of the fact that the United States Attorney believed that he could be too easily impeached. (I do not remember the title of the case, but recall that it involved two colored men who stole a car in St. Louis and transported it to Jacksonville, Ill.) It is my recollection of Love that he has very little regard for the truth and is rather boastful. He operates a small welding business which is a one man enterprise and would not yield a large income.

Mr. J. R. Hoffman, Superintendent of the Power and Light Company, was interviewed at the Post Office and stated that he is acquainted with Leeper, as Leeper was at one time an employee of his company; that Leeper sold Hoover Vacuum Cleaners; however, that he was discharged because of the fact that he could not produce the business. He stated that he is doubtful of the accuracy of information furnished by Leeper and is doubtful of his reliability. He stated that he did have a conversation recently with Leeper at the Chamber of Commerce, but merely suggested that he investigate Love who has his place of business across from the Power and Light Company plant, as Love is known to be unreliable. He stated that Love is acquainted with a number of the employees of the Power and



Light Company because of the fact that his place of business is nearby; that often when Love comes in to pay his bill to the Power and Light Company he displays large rolls of currency, and on occasions his employees have seen bank notes in denominations of \$500.00 in his possession; that such large amounts are surely not income from the business of Love as there are times when he is unable to meet his obligations promptly; that occasionally Love leaves Jacksonville and will be gone for a period of about one month and when he returns he usually has large sums of money; that he displays this money because he is rather boastful and wishes to make a show of himself. Mr. Hoffman stated that he has never known that Love had any stolen money in his possession and that he placed such money in the hands of others as security for loans; however, he stated that he believes that Love is engaged in some "racket," as he is very shrewd. He stated that he believes that Leeper has named the persons whom he alleges were associated with Love because of the fact that some of these persons are alleged to have been associated with Love in a conspiracy to rob the Ayers National Bank prior to the time when it closed; that it has been alleged that McVieor, Love, a man named Goldberg, Dunlap and others had planned such a robbery because of the bad condition of the bank; that the janitor of the building was to furnish a key to the bank and two Kansas City gangsters were to enter the bank early in the morning and when the cashier arrived he was to be tied up after he opened the vault and the Kansas City men were to do the job. He stated that Chief of Police Kiloran knows of this matter as the robbery was "tipped off" to the police and a trap was set by State and local police; however, the robbery was never attempted. He stated that the men named by Love were suspected as participants in the above mentioned conspiracy.

Mr. Hoffman stated that McVieor is supposed to be an architect and was closely associated with Mr. Dunlap, an official of the Ayers National Bank; that McVieor left Jacksonville about three months ago and is said to have returned to Chicago; that he had a summer home in either Wisconsin or Michigan and is said to have lost this property since the closing of the Ayers National Bank. He further stated that McVieor is a married man, but his wife separated from him while McVieor resided in Jacksonville.

Mr. Hoffman stated that he resided at the Dunlap for a time and observed the conduct of McVieor; that he was friendly with Abe Love and occasionally talked with Love at the hotel; however, that the hotel was not used as a headquarters for gangsters.

Both Messrs. Leeper and Hoffman were unable to state when Love last left Jacksonville, and they were unable to state whether he has been away from Jacksonville since January 1, 1934. They both stated that about the only way in which his outside contacts could be established is by following him when he left town. Leeper stated that occasionally strangers drop into Love's beer parlor which

he recently opened, but that he is seldom seen in the company of strangers in Jacksonville.

Mr. Hoffman stated that Reese Cheneler was formerly employed as a driver of one of the company buses in Jacksonville and because of a shortage in his accounts he was discharged.

Former Chief of Police Frank Kiloran was not available for interview at the time of this investigation in Jacksonville.

Mr. Harber stated that although Abe Love has served as a police informant he is entirely unreliable.

Mr. Harber stated that Frank Kiloran could be relied upon to co-operate in every way possible.

Submitted by,

G. B. MORRIS,  
Special Agent.

SUITE 1 FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
APRIL 4, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to letter by Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, March 28, 1934, requesting that this office advise as to the best available descriptions of Mrs. Kate Barker, with aliases, Mickey Ryan Smith and Madelyn Snyder.

It is assumed that the individual mentioned as Mickey Ryan Smith is identical with the wife of Harry Campbell, shown by the Kansas City file as "Mickey Rheinemith". The Kansas City Office is not in possession of a description of the wife of Harry Campbell, however, as reflected by the report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, dated March 7, 1934, at Dallas, Texas, information in this connection might be secured at Tampa, Texas, and it is requested that the Dallas Office ascertain the desired information and advise the St. Paul Office.

There is not available in the Kansas City files a description of Madelyn Snyder. It is shown, however, from the files of Thomas Holden, Francis L. Keating and Frank Nash, Escaped Federal Prisoners, that Madelyn Snyder is a close friend of Mrs. Margaret Mikuel, who now resides at Houston, Texas. It is requested that the San Antonio Office secure the description of Madelyn Snyder desired and furnish same to the St. Paul Office.

The best description of Mrs. Kate Barker available to this office was secured from a review of the Nash-Holden and Keating files recently made, and the description is set out in the report by Special Agent E. F. Drainer, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 1, 1934.

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20, 1934. This description is meagre and it appears that inquiry in the vicinity of Keosau and Joplin, Missouri, where Mrs. Barker is known, should be made to supplement same. This will be done at an early date.

Very truly yours,

I. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division  
San Antonio  
Dallas



SUITE 1 FEDERAL BLDG.  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

April 4, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 23, 1934  
pertaining to White Anderson.

The photographs of the individuals mentioned in the letter  
of reference were viewed by Eddie Doll at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leaven-  
worth, Kansas and he advised Special Agent H. E. Andersen of this Office  
that none of the photographs is identical with the White Anderson in  
question. Doll reiterated, however, that he is certain Anderson has been  
an inmate of the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois.

The photograph of Herbert Sargent, Kansas State Penitentiary  
#5401, which Agent Farland had secured as a possible likeness of the in-  
dividual known as Big Homer, was examined by Doll but he was unable to make  
an identification. He advised that Sargent does not resemble in any way  
the individual known to him as Big Homer.

Very truly yours,

H. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

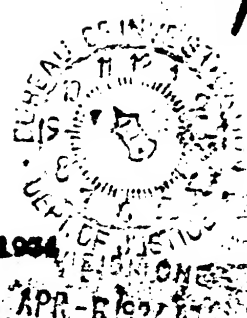
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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

April 3, 1934



Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
318 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I.O. 1219 ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

I am forwarding herewith to the Los Angeles  
and the San Francisco Offices copies of the report  
of Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, Chicago, Illinois,  
dated March 23, 1934, in the above entitled case, which  
it is believed will be of assistance to said offices  
in conducting future investigations.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 3, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite "1", Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING. Chicago file 7-82

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of HOMER  
VIRGIL WILSON, alias "WHITEY", on the back of which is  
noted Wilson's physical description.

This photograph was obtained from the Denver,  
Colorado, Police Department and is being forwarded to you  
with the request it be exhibited to EDDIE DOLL alias FOLEY,  
at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, to determine whether this  
man is identical with the "Whitey" Anderson whom DOLL  
states he met at a hotel in Gary, Indiana in the summer of  
1933, at which time plans were in the making for the kid-  
naping of a physician in Rochester, Minnesota, or an unknown  
party in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Please return this photograph to this office  
when it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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April 3, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

There is enclosed herewith a rough draft memorandum of twenty pages, submitted by Special Agent H. H. Reinecke. The memorandum shows that the investigation was confined to boilers, airans, and water meter readers, wherever the latter were available. It does not indicate that much effort was made to display photographs to garage men, filling station operators, and others, which have been furnished him. The other instructions contained in the Division's letter of March 19, were apparently not followed.

I am informed that Mr. Reinecke read the above letter, and made notes on it before going to Wisconsin.

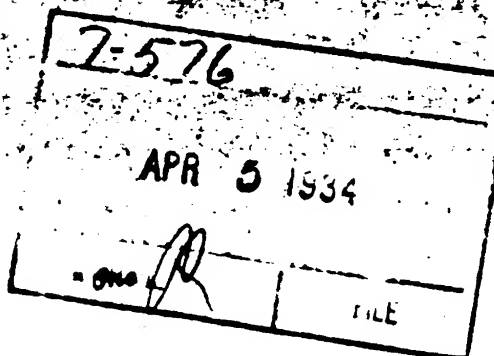
The roughdraft is enclosed herewith, for your attention, in order that you may handle the matter appropriately with Mr. Reinecke, on his arrival in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

MR/ar  
Att.

CC Division.

M. H. FU-VIS,  
Special Agent in Charge





420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a.; et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
Edward George Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping.

**Dear Sir:**

A number of mail tracings have been furnished to the Dallas Division Office by the Postmaster at Fort Worth, Texas, by virtue of a copy placed on the mail being received by the mother of Paul, known as, Mrs. D.M. Brannon. A number of tracings appear to have been mailed addressed to the Brannon residence. 100-10227-2

On this date, 1941, was received the letter of the  
 writer to the writer of the letter, of a letter  
 dated on 11 April 1941, at the address, residence, 101  
 St. of M.A. Spence, and the letter does not bear a return  
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Very truly yours,

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**F. J. BLAKE,**  
Special Agent in

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P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

March 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
318 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

7-576

This will refer to letter of this office dated March 25th instant, suggesting investigation at Grass Valley, California, to locate Edward W. Bantz and Theodore E. Bantz, suspects in the instant case.

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Please be advised that Special Agent W. F. Bowling at Seattle, Washington, has secured additional information indicating that one Robert Edward Dunn, Seattle PD #17108, a known associate of the Bantz brothers in their criminal activities, is also reported to be at Grass Valley; further, that Dunn, Kalso and Flanders, the latter two mentioned in Portland letter dated March 25th, are interested in a gold mine in the vicinity of Grass Valley, and it is reported that Edward W. Bantz is financing operations at that point. These rumors of the connection of these parties with a gold mine in Grass Valley are so persistent that it becomes necessary to request immediate investigation at that point for possible information, particularly concerning Ed and Ted Bantz.

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You are further advised that one Alvin H. Scott, who has been residing at 3633 S.E. Tenino, Portland, and who is a brother-in-law of Clara Feldman, prominently named in the Drachel kidnaping case, recently moved from the Portland address under circumstances indicating that he may also have gone to Grass Valley. For your information, Scott has five children of school age, whose names are [REDACTED] who left with Scott, together with Margaret Hurtienne, sister of Clara Feldman, who has been living at Scott's address ostensibly as his housekeeper. Investigation in the vicinity of

San Francisco - 2

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3633 S.E. Tesimo Street, Portland, developed that the furniture belonging to Scott was moved out on Wednesday, March 21st, but that Scott, his children and Margaret Hurtienne remained until six a.m., on Friday, March 23d, when they departed in Scott's Hudson Sedan, bearing 1934 Oregon license number 82470. This car is a 1927 model, motor #452462.

To a neighbor Scott stated that he was going to prospect in a gold mine and informed the neighbor that he was going up into the state of Washington, but inasmuch as Scott and Margaret Hurtienne are of suspicious nature and have knowledge that they may be under surveillance, it is believed that Scott would have given his neighbor erroneous information as to his intended location. It is further known that Scott is acquainted with the Bentz brothers and the rest of the Bentz gang and the possibility of Scott's going to Grass Valley at least warrants inquiry. For your information, I am enclosing herewith a photograph of A. H. Scott, which is probably twelve or fifteen years old, but is a good likeness of him. I am also enclosing Seattle PD photograph of Robert Edward Dunn, the reverse of which bears his description. Please return the photographs of Scott and Dunn when they have served their purpose.

I appreciate the apparent inaccessibility of Grass Valley to your headquarters city, but trust that you can make inquiry in this connection at an early date.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPARRS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Inspector Rorer, St. Paul.

Suite 1  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 28, 1934.

Special Delivery.

Attention: Inspector Rorer.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

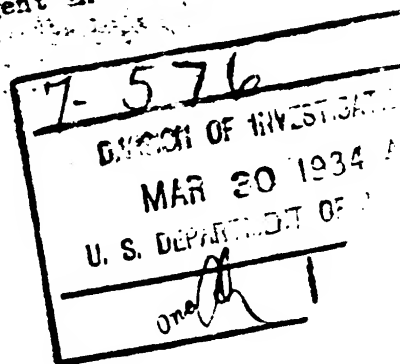
ALVIN KARPIS, et al  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

Pursuant to the telegram from Inspector Rorer of this date, there are forwarded herewith fifteen copies each of the photograph of Marjorie Kenting, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department No. 20,397, and fifteen copies of the photograph of Lillian Holm, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department No. 20,398. These photographs bear physical descriptions of the subjects thereof.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SHERP, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

March 29, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box #515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 23, 1934 in the above  
entitled case.

I have been advised by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of  
Pennsylvania, that that Department does not keep a file of motor  
vehicles by motor number and in order to place a flash against the  
Auburn, two Buicks, and Pontiac mentioned in your letter, it will be  
necessary to have the serial numbers.

It is requested therefore that if possible you obtain the serial  
numbers of these cars and forward the same to this office.

Very truly yours,

R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
March 29, 1934.

Mr. W.A. Rorer,  
Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

Adverting further to your telegram dated March 27th 1934, in which you made known that the motor number of Ford V8 Sedan appearing in report of Agent A.R. Gere was given as 18-493080, while a telegram to you from this office, dated March 20, gave the motor number of the same car as 18-49308, and calling your attention to my telegraphic response thereto, dated March 27th, 1934, in which I made known that the correct motor number was apparently 18-493080, since that was the motor number of the car as it appeared in the telegram which this office submitted to the Western Union for transmission to you, and since it was the same motor number which appeared in the report of Agent Gere dated March 22, 1934, permit me to inform you that Agent Gere has confirmed the fact that the correct motor number of the Ford V8 Sedan referred to is 18-493080, and today Mr. H.W. Deneke, Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company at this city reported to me that after a thorough investigation made through his company, he learned that the motor number of this car, as submitted to his office by this office, was 18-493080, and that that number was transmitted to the Chicago office of his company, and recorded as received by his Chicago office, but that when the message was received at St. Paul, the motor number was recorded by his company as 18-49308, which would clearly show that an error was made by the Western Union Company at Chicago in transmitting the number to the Western Union Company at St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 31, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

At your early convenience, I would  
like to have you furnish this office with complete  
physical descriptions of the following:

Billie Hitch, Tulsa Police  
Department No. 8896;  
Jo Ann Armor, Tulsa Police  
Department No. 8010.

If available, I would also like to  
have you secure for this office, about six photo-  
graphs of each of the above named individuals.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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P.O. Drawer 1487,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

March 30, 1934.

Mr. W.A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 28, 1934  
in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

A copy of the photograph of DOROTHY TRALLE St. Louis  
PD Register # 22180 was obtained and is being forwarded herewith.  
Her description as furnished by the St. Louis P.D. is as follows:

Name: Dorothy Tralle alias Mrs. C.T. Trole

Age: 21 years (1923)

Height: 5'5 1/2"

Weight: 117

Hair: Light chestnut

Eyes: Blue

Complexion: Fair

Photograph: St. Louis P.D. # 22180

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Criminal Record: Arrested 6/13/25 K.C. Mo. charge  
suspect highway robbery, no disposition.  
Arrested 8/14/25 St. Louis suspected  
being fugitive from K.C. Mo. released  
8/15/25 not wanted.

Residence: Kansas City, Mo.

D.L.  
cc-Division. ✓

Very truly yours,

D.M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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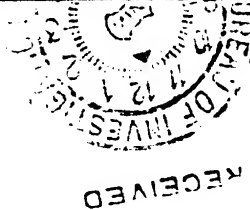
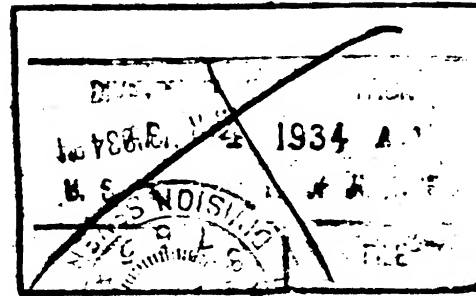
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April 2, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

ALL Field Offices

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

There is transmitted herewith a supply of photographs of the following named individuals whose names have been frequently mentioned in connection with the above entitled investigation:

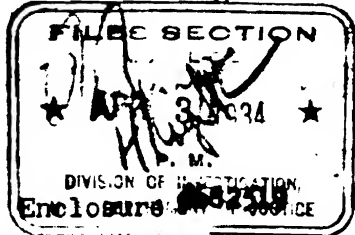
Ed Bentz	Tommy Carroll
Mrs. Ed Bentz	Curly Clause
Ted Bentz	Paula Harmon
Mrs. Kate Barker	

Each photograph bears the names by which the individuals are best known to the Division. Each photograph also contains a brief description.

There is also being transmitted herewith an additional supply of photographs of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Karpis, Campbell and Davis.

and furnish them with photographs of the above named individuals for the purpose of assisting the Division in locating them and causing their apprehension.

Very truly yours,



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☐ Mr. Cowley  
☐ Mr. Little  
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MRS. GEO. ANDERSON  
MRS. ARNOLD BARKER

AGE: 59  
HEIGHT: 5'4"  
WEIGHT: 150-160  
HAIR: MEDIUM BLONDE  
BOBBED, MARCELLED

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Mrs. C. P. Harmon

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A check of the City Directory of 1931, for Pleasantville, N. J., revealed that Thomas H. Lawley resided at 13 Stenton Place, Pleasantville, and that his wife's name is Elizabeth; that he is the operator of Lawley's Auto Service, Inc., 436 North Carolina Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J.

It may be noted here that Chief Maylor was not advised of the purpose of agent's inquiries. However, on request, he questioned the officers under his jurisdiction (about six) to ascertain whether any knew Lawley, but with negative results.

C. W. Adams, Clerk, U. S. Post Office, was interviewed in the absence of the Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster, who were both absent due to illness. Mr. Adams stated that Thomas H. Lawley is unknown to him and that mail for a Thomas H. Lawley has never come to his notice. He stated, however, that the neighborhood surrounding Stenton Place is very high-class and that the homes would average approximately \$10,000.

The carrier, Floyd Freeman, was questioned at the post office but could furnish no information concerning the identity of Lawley. He advised, however, that he did deliver mail there, but that he never stopped to converse with the occupants at that address and knew nothing concerning them.

The officials of the New Jersey Gas Company, and New Jersey Public Service, Pleasantville, N.J., and the Pleasantville Electric Company were contacted, but could furnish no information concerning Thomas H. Lawley, except that he has been receiving service at Stenton Place since the year 1929.

At Atlantic City, N. J., inquiries were made at the Identification Bureau of the Atlantic City Police Department relative to any known criminal record of Lawley. However, none was disclosed. Inspector Malstead was interviewed and stated that Lawley is personally unknown to him; however, that Lawley conducts an auto service company at 436 N. North Carolina Avenue, Atlantic City; that it is reputed to be an honest firm, handling auto supplies, and also being the agency for International trucks. Inspector Malstead could furnish no additional information.

Postmaster Alfred J. Perkins, Atlantic City, N. J., on interview stated that he knows nothing concerning Thomas H. Lawley or Lawley's Auto Service, Inc. He stated, however, that he has a personal friend, one Samuel Leshin, partner in the Brighton Auto Service, 2917 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, who could furnish information.

concerning Lawley and who was a reliable person and could be trusted. The purpose of agent's inquiry was not explained to the Postmaster.

Mr. Samuel Leshin, Brighton Auto Service, 2917 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J., on interview stated that he has known Thomas H. Lawley for approximately 15 years during which time the latter has been engaged in the automobile supply business in Atlantic City; that just recently Lawley incorporated as an auto supply house, and also took the agency for International Trucks; that during the time of Lawley's business enterprises in Atlantic City, all auto supplies and equipment have been purchased by Lawley from the Brighton Auto Service; that he has found Lawley to be above reproach as far as his companions and associates go;

that Lawley is the owner of a Packard automobile; that he lives in a very fine home in Pleasantville, N. J., and he and his wife are expensively dressed. Mr. Leshin intimated that Lawley must derive some sort of financial aid outside of his business, in view of the fact that for the past two years the automobile supply business, as well as the International Truck business, has been at a low ebb and would not afford Lawley much money over and above his living expenses. Mr. Leshin advised that Lawley is a 33rd Degree Mason, a member of the All-time Grotto, (a separate organization), a member of the Artisans' Club, all of Atlantic City. He stated that Lawley's friends and associates for the most part were automobile dealers and are exemplary citizens; that three of his best friends are as follows: Lee Deoughenbouth, c/o Joe Dale's Fire Store; John Watt, c/o Willard Battery Company, 3305 Atlantic Avenue; Charles Ripp, c/o Dorraine Cleaners, Atlantic City. Mr. Leshin stated that he knows nothing about Lawley's social life except that he and his wife appear to be very happy and live in a good neighborhood; that they have one child and that their friends are limited in number, although very fine people. He advised that to the best of his knowledge the clientele of Lawley's auto supply business does not extend outside of Atlantic City, although the nature of the business, that is the buying of supplies for his store, may cover the neighboring states and take him out of town frequently. However, he did not know this as a certainty.

[REDACTED]

Thomas H. Lawley is Secretary of the above corporation, which was incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey, on June 27, 1932; that Elizabeth A. Lawley, wife of Thomas H. Lawley, is President and Treasurer of the corporation.

[REDACTED]

No further information was obtained from the above record.

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Various other inquiries were made in and around Atlantic City, to ascertain additional information concerning Lawley. However, he seems to be generally unknown, and nothing was ascertained relative to his character or associates, and there was no indication that he was connected with any criminal organizations.

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